



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT



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PLACEMENTS UP 2 %

For the week ending October 16, 2004, growers placed 11.1 million broiler chicks in Delmarva grower houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 2.3% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.1 million) increased 2.3% from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 12.8 million, an increase of 5.2% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.8 million for the week ending October 09, 2004 compared to 11.8 million slaughtered during the same week in 2003.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/ PREV YR	CURR YR	CHICKS HATCHED 1/ PREV YR	CURR YR	CHICKS PLACED 2/ PREV YR	CURR YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
08/21/04	14,611	13,898	11,908	11,481	11,910	11,481
08/28/04	14,263	13,704	11,784	11,569	11,785	11,569
09/04/04	13,809	13,342	11,788	11,509	11,791	11,509
09/11/04	12,900	12,708	11,934	11,584	11,935	11,584
09/18/04	12,409	12,087	11,755	11,501	11,759	11,501
09/25/04	13,052	13,345	11,302	11,181	11,302	11,181
10/02/04	13,086	13,389	10,559	10,634	10,559	10,634
10/09/04	13,044	12,882	10,214	9,942	10,214	9,942
10/16/04	12,214	12,847	10,867	11,113	10,867	11,113

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING 10/23/04	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	62.59	63.65	62.64	59.87
12-City Composite 2/	67.90	69.72	69.59	63.07

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.